

Pusey v. City of Youngstown, 11 F.3d 652,657 (6th Cir.1993). In a word, “an official capacity suit

is, in all respects other than name, to be treated as a suit against the entity.” Kentucky v. Graham, 473 U.S. 159,166 (1985). Thus, Plaintiff’s claims are against Maury County, the municipal entity that operates the Maury County Jail. Hafer v. Melo, 502 U.S. 21,25 (1991).

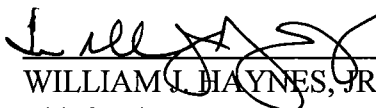
A claim of governmental liability requires a showing that the misconduct complained of came about pursuant to a policy, statement, regulation, decision or custom promulgated by Maury County or its agent, the Maury County Sheriff’s Department. Monell v. New York City Department of Social Services, 436 U.S. 658 (1978). In a word, for Maury County to be liable under § 1983, there must be a direct causal link between an official policy or custom and the alleged constitutional violation. City of Canton v. Harris, 489 U.S. 378 (1989).

Plaintiff’s allegations do not suggest that his rights were violated due to a policy or regulation of Maury County or the Maury County Sheriff. Thus, the Court concludes that Plaintiff fails to state a claim against the Defendants in their official capacities.

Absent an actionable claim, the Court must dismiss the complaint *sua sponte*. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

An appropriate Order is filed herewith.

ENTERED this the 3rd day of September, 2013.


WILLIAM J. HAYNES, JR.
Chief Judge
United States District Court